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Financial Resources for Ocular Melanoma Patients

PATIENT SERVICES

Patient Services, Inc. A non-profit 501 3(c) premium and copayment foundation

Website: www.patientservicesinc.org/illnesses-and-conditions/default.aspx
Tel: 800.366.7741

American Cancer Society

Website: www.cancer.org
Tel: 800.227.2345
866.228.4327 TTY
404.315.9348 FAX
Location: 250 Williams St.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund Provides financial assistance for patients ages 18-40 who are going through cancer treatment. Grants are awarded to cover co-payments, rent/mortgage, transportation, car insurance, repairs, and groceries. Please contact organization through website email.

Website: www.bmcf.net
Tel: 800.878.9184 FAX
Location: 24152 Lyons Ave. #157
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Website: www.lijeap.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Provides services to people in need, including food programs, emergency financial assistance and more. Contact the nearest Catholic Church in your community or call.

Website: www.svdpusa.org
E-mail: usacouncil@svdpusa.org
Tel: 314.576.3993 x58
Location: Progress Parkway
St. Louis, MO 63043

Patient Advocate Foundation Mediation and arbitration services to remove obstacles to healthcare. Medical debt crisis, insurance access issues and employment issues for patients with chronic, debilitating and life-threatening illness. We assist patient with medical debt crisis insurance access issues and job retention issues.

Website: www.patientadvocate.org

CancerCare National nonprofit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones and the bereaved. CancerCare's programs (including counseling, education, and practical help) are provided by professional oncology social workers and are completely free of charge. CancerCare also provides limited financial grants to eligible individuals and families for transportation, home care, child care and pain medication. Assistance is also provided for breast cancer patients who need help with the costs of oral medications and lymphedema supplies.

Website: www.cancercares.org
E-mail: info@cancercares.org
Tel: 800.813.4673 x275
Location: 7th Ave.
New York NY 10001

LODGING

Joe's House A housing resource for cancer patients and their families to travel away from home for medical treatment.

Website: www.joeshouse.org
E-Mail: info@joeshouse.org
Tel: 877.563.7468 x 505
Location: E 79th St., Suite 17E
New York, NY 10075

National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses, Inc. An association of nonprofit organizations located throughout the US that provides family- centered lodging while receiving medical treatment away from home.

Website: www.nahhh.org
E-mail: helpinghomes@nahhh.org

MEDICAL EXPENSES

Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund Provides financial assistance for patients ages 18-40 who are going through cancer treatment and grants to cover co-payments, rent/mortgage, car insurance, repairs and groceries.

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Tel: 800.878.9184 FAX
Location: 24152 Lyons Ave #157
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

Myriad Reimbursement Assistance Program Assists patients with health insurance billing and reimbursement issues for genetic testing through Myriad Labs.

Website: www.myriadtests.com
Tel: 800.469.7423 x320
Location: Wakara Way
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

SCHOLARSHIPS

Surviving and Moving Forward (SAM)

The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer Assists cancer survivors ages 17-35 with their transition into post-treatment life. Grants and scholarships to enable survivors to pursue their educational or professional goals.

Website: www.thesamfund.org
E-mail: info@thesamfund.org
Location: 89 South St., Suite LL02
Boston, MA 02111

Cancer Survivors Fund Provides college scholarships and financial assistance prosthetic limbs to young adult survivors of cancer.

Tel: 281.437.7142
Mailing: PO Box 792
Missouri City, TX 77459

First Descents Provides a week long outdoor adventure camp for young adults ages 18-39, with cancer. Programs are all about having fun and pushing your limits through kayaking, rock climbing and other outdoor activities.

Tel: 303.945.2490 x100
Location: Arapahoe Ave., Suite B
Boulder, CO 80302

FUNDRAISING

Giveforward.com A GiveForward page makes fundraising for out-of-pocket expenses like co-pays, travel, lodging and treatments easy.

Website: www.giveforward.com/cancer
Location: 2039 W. Wabansia, 1st Floor
Chicago, IL 60647

INSURANCE

Alliance of Claims Assistance Professionals Works with clients to ensure that they receive all the health insurance benefits to which they are entitled. Claims assistance professionals provide education about benefits and options and act as liaisons between patients, insurance companies and health care providers.

Website: www.claims.org
E-mail: askacap@charter.net
Tel: 888.394.5163
Location: 25500 Hawthorn Blvd., Suite 1158
Torrance, CA 90505

Cancer Legal Resource Center Offers information and education on cancer-related legal issues to people with cancer, family members, friends, employers and others coping with cancer. Provides one-on-one matches with volunteer attorneys for in-depth legal information.

Website: www.cancerlegalresourcecenter.org
E-mail: clrc@lls.edu
Tel: 866.843.2572
Location: Disability Rights Legal Center
919 Albany St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc. Provides education, advocacy, and legal assistance to help the elderly and people with disabilities obtain Medicare and necessary health care. The Center focuses on the needs of Medicare beneficiaries, people with chronic conditions, and those in need of long-term care. It can only appeal Medicare denials in Connecticut, the District of Columbia, and Maine; however, it provides information nationwide.

Website: www.medicareadvocacy.org
Tel: 860.456.7790
Mailing: PO Box 350
Willimantic, CT 06226

Medicare Rights Center Provides free counseling services to people with Medicare questions or problems. MRC's enrollment services help people with limited incomes access benefits that can help pay their Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

Website: <http://www.medicarerights.org>
Tel: 800.333.414
Location: 520 Eighth Ave., North Wing, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10018

Social Security Administration Information about Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare benefits.

Website: www.ssa.gov
Tel: 800.772.1213

Patient Advocate Foundation Mission is to provide effective mediation and arbitration services to patients to remove obstacles to healthcare including medical debt crisis, insurance access issues and employment issues for patients with chronic, debilitating and life-threatening illnesses. Assists patients with Medical Debt Crisis Insurance access Issues and job retention issues.

Website: www.patientadvocate.org
Tel: 800.532.5274 x421
Location: Butler Farm Rd.
Hampton, VA 23666

The Actors Fund Helps all professionals in entertainment and the performing arts. The Fund is a safety net, providing programs and services for those who are in need or going through a crisis or transition. It offers several services, including help attaining housing and health insurance, financial assistance for women in a medical crisis or those disabled by illness, intensive case management, referrals, support groups, and funeral/burial assistance. The Fund is administered in offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Website: www.actorsfund.org
E-mail: info@theactorsfund.org
Tel: 800.221.7303
Location: 729 7th Ave., 10th Floor
New York, NY 10019

TRANSPORTATION

Air Charity Network Formerly Angel Flight America, this organization provides free flights to people in need of medical treatment. Call or visit the Air Charity Network website to find the contact information for an affiliate in your area.

Website: www.aircharitynetwork.org
E-mail: execdir@aircharitynetwork.org
Tel: 877.621.7177 x410
Location: 1st Ave, N.W.
Rochester MN 55901

Corporate Angel Network Arranges free flights for cancer patients to treatment centers. The Network uses the empty seats on corporate aircrafts flying on routine business. Patients are allowed only one adult companion; however, patients who are children may be accompanied by both parents.

Website: www.corpangelnetwork.org
E-mail: info@corporateangelnetwork.org
Tel: 866.328.1313
Location: Westchester County Airport
1 Loop Rd.
White Plains, NY 10604

LifeLine Pilots Provides free flights to patients needing transportation to medical facilities far from their homes. Patients must have a financial need and must be ambulatory.

Website: www.lifelinepilots.org
E-mail: 10604mail@lifelinepilots.org
Tel: 800.822.7972
Location: 6100 W. Dirksen Parkway, Suite 302, Byerly Terminal
Peoria, IL 61607

National Patient Travel Center Provides referrals and "how to get there" assistance for any patient who needs to travel to a distant, specialized medical facility for evaluation, diagnosis or treatment.

Website: www.patienttravel.org
E-mail: info@nationalpatienttravelcenter.org
Tel: 800.296.1217
Location: Mercy Medical Airlift
4620 Haygood Rd., Suite 1
Virginia Beach, VA 23455